

Docket No.: 71971-132

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
: Confirmation Number: Not yet assigned  
Toshihiko FUKUOKA, et al. :  
: Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Application No.: Not yet assigned :  
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For: ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION DEVICE AND METHOD, ENCRYPTION DEVICE  
AND METHOD, DECRYPTION DEVICE AND METHOD, AND  
TRANSMISSION/RECEPTION APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.